

Date: March 28, 2006

To: Chairman Randolph, and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Huguenin and Remy

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

#### A. PERSONNEL & BUDGET

I will distribute an initial proposal for the allocation of approximately \$2.1 million in additional resources proposed in SB 1120 (Ortiz) at the April meeting. That bill will have its first hearing, in the Senate Elections Committee, in early April.

#### B. STAFF PROJECTS

The Technical Assistance Division provided campaign outreach to the Cities of Santa Clara (Cynthia Jones and Barbara Smith), Carmel (Cynthia Jones) and Solano Beach (Trish Mayer); a campaign filing officer and candidate and treasurer seminars in the City of San Diego (Adrianne Korchmaros); and SEI filing officer seminars for the State Bar of California (Adrianne Korchmaros) and West Valley Mission Community College (Trish Mayer).

The Communications Office has completed the spring issue of the FPPC Bulletin, including an article highlighting the agency's accomplishments in 2005. The office has also responded to a steady number of media inquiries on subjects including campaign finance disclosure, independent expenditures, and voluntary expenditure ceilings under Proposition 34.

General Counsel Luisa Menchaca and Enforcement Division Chief John Appelbaum and members of their staff attended a half-day training provided by the Attorney General's Office regarding electronic evidence, including related aspects of the Public Records Act.

### C. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Government Code section 87300 and Commission regulation 18750.1, state and multi-county agencies seeking to adopt or substantively amend a conflict-of-interest code must submit the proposed code to the Commission for review and approval. The Technical Assistance Division has reviewed and, since the last agenda, I have approved the following conflict-of-interest codes:

Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency  
Los Rios Community College District  
South Tahoe Public Utility District  
Modesto Irrigation District  
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

### D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to regulation 18361, I have found sufficient evidence in the following cases to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that the following respondents committed or caused a violation of the Political Reform Act. **This finding of probable cause does not constitute a finding that a violation has actually occurred. The respondents are presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding.**

**Kevin Shelley, FPPC No. 04/575.** On March 9, 2006, probable cause was found to believe that Respondent Kevin Shelley, the California Secretary of State from January 2003 to March 2005, received a \$2,000 campaign contribution in his state office in San Francisco in May 2003, in violation of section 84309, subdivision (a).

### E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Commission regulation 18404.1 requires that state-candidate-controlled committees organized for elective state office be terminated pursuant to specified deadlines. Pursuant to the regulation, the following requests for extension of those termination deadlines were submitted to the Executive Director:

**Mark Leyes for Assembly (1232304)** A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until August 2, 2006.

**Russ Bogh for Assembly 2000 (983414)** A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until October 1, 2006.

**Friends of Ellen Corbett for Assembly (980193)** A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until June 1, 2006.

**Vargas 2000 Committee (990989)** A request for an extension of time to re-open and terminate the committee was granted until May 31, 2006.

**Neighbors for Rogers (951897)** A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until October 1, 2006.